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Dear Ms. Kidwell:

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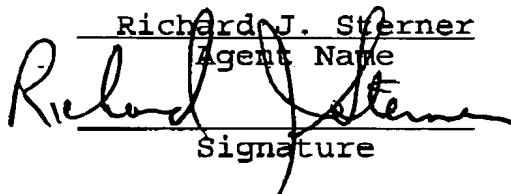
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LETTER

Sir:

In response to the telephone request from Ms. Kidwell,  
Applicant provides herewith a copy of the International  
Preliminary Examination Report for the above-referenced  
application.

It is Applicant's understanding, based on the telephone  
discussion between Ms. Kidwell and Applicant's Agent, that, upon  
receipt of the IPER, a new Notification of Acceptance, Form  
PCT/DO/EO/903, will be issued. The new Notification will replace

that which was issued December 1, 1999 and is meant to reflect the correct length of time of the international stage of the present application.

Dated: September 14, 2000

Respectfully submitted,



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